

CHANGING THE NAME OF MEDICINE CREEK RESERVOIR
IN FRONTIER COUNTY OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
TO "HARRY STRUNK LAKE"

JUNE 25, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ENGLE, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 51]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 51) to change the name of Medicine Creek Reservoir in Frontier County of the State of Nebraska to "Harry Strunk Lake", having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The bill H. R. 51 would change the name of Medicine Creek Reservoir in Frontier County, Nebr., to "Harry Strunk Lake," in recognition of the contributions to reclamation made by Mr. Strunk. No expenditure of Federal funds is required.

Harry D. Strunk was born in Pawnee City, Nebr., in 1892. In 1910 he moved to McCook, Nebr., and a year later he started a newspaper now known as the McCook Daily Gazette. He became interested in irrigation about that time and since then has been an advocate and leader for irrigation and flood control in the Republican River Valley.

Mr. Strunk's activities as director of the Nebraska National Reclamation Association from 1940 to 1948, and as founder and president of the Republican River Conservation Association, have made him well known in the area.

The local chamber of commerce and the Izaak Walton League have requested the bill's passage. A favorable report has been received from the Department of the Interior and is as follows:

CHANGE NAME OF MEDICINE CREEK RESERVOIR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., June 2, 1952.

HON. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: We are glad to comply with the request of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for a report on H. R. 51, a bill to change the name of Medicine Creek Reservoir in Frontier County of the State of Nebraska to Harry Strunk Lake.

We recommend that the bill be enacted.

Mr. Strunk was born in Pawnee City, Nebr., in 1892. In 1910 he moved to McCook, Nebr., and a year later he started a newspaper now known as the McCook Daily Gazette. Harry Strunk became interested in irrigation about that time and since then has been an advocate of irrigation and flood control in the Republican River Valley. Mr. Strunk's activities as director of the Nebraska National Reclamation Association from 1940 to 1948 and as founder and president of the Republican River Conservation Association have made him well known in the area.

This Department has no knowledge of the attitude of local organizations concerning the proposed change of the name of Medicine Creek Reservoir to Harry Strunk Lake.

We have been informed by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs unanimously recommend that the bill, H. R. 51, be enacted.

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